

The Intelligencer.

The Recent Fires.

The repeated and destructive fires which are taking place in every part of the country should awaken more serious reflection than seems to be excited by them. Until recently no one knew exactly where Oshkosh was situated, unless it was the inhabitants, who spend most of their time in "sawing lumber, and who live on both sides of the river Fox. People generally considered it a sort of American country. To tell a man to go to Oshkosh was a polite American way of wishing him to "sojourn around the throne of Pluto." As an exchange puts it "there was as great a lack of knowledge in regard to the city of Oshkosh, as Mark Twain displayed to the Geneva guide in his innocent tour abroad, in regard to his knowledge of 'Christophe Columbus.'" Now that this disastrous fire has desolated the country, we find it is situated where a breeze is constantly blowing, and where gases are frequent. Its buildings were reared in accordance with that enterprise which sacrifices everything to speed and outside show. The people had already been warned of their danger by more than one large fire, and now they have suffered a blow from which they can hardly recover, at all events, for years to come. Until the people who build towns make up their minds to put up solid, substantial buildings instead of those fire-baiting shanties we may expect more serious disasters than the one at Oshkosh. Not only the owners of these buildings suffer, but the fire insurance companies. In France the buildings in which a fire breaks out are not benefited by insurance, but only those to which a conflagration spreads. We have no doubt but that this would be a good plan for American fire insurance companies to adopt in order to save themselves and to teach the people prudence.

ONE of our exchanges gravely states that "corsets are destructive to art; that there are no good models now-a-days, and that Powers was compelled to use sixteen of those valuable adjuncts to 'sculpting' to get his idea for the 'Greek Slave,' and was finally compelled to go back to the antique for his bust. We are sorry Powers did this. We are sure that we have seen plenty of forms, clayed by corsets, that struck our fancy more than the 'Greek Slave' could possibly. Why don't he or some other sculptor give us a statue of some modern girl 'tied back'?" It would take, -Daily Washington Chronicle.

THE American Educational Monthly asserts of teachers that "there is no class of intellectual laborers who are so overworked and underpaid." The New York Tribune, referring to the proposed retrenchment of salaries in Pittsburgh and Allegheny, says: "It does not appear to be possible to make a certain class of Americans understand that low salaries in this profession mark the weakest and most absurd policy."

Our Moundsville Letter.

MOUNDSVILLE, May 3d.

This morning the ground is white with frost and although the sun shines bright the temperature is below freezing. How our early vegetables can live is almost a mystery, but still they do and some of our gardens begin to look as though they would soon furnish material for market. The regular services were held in our different churches yesterday. Rev. James Alexander preached at the Presbyterian Church and Rev. White, the State Bible agent, preached at the M. E. Church. The Disciples held their regular meeting, and the annual meeting of the Moundsville Auxiliary to the Bible Society, was held at the Presbyterian Church. Rev. White delivered a short but very interesting address. He told some very surprising and sad facts concerning the destitution of many families in different parts of the State. In Kanawha county out of nine hundred families visited by a colporteur, over three hundred of them had no Bibles. No doubt there are more than three thousand families in the State, at the present day, who are not owners of the Bible. This is a sad state of affairs, and we think it could soon be remedied were we all to do our duty. It is suggested that many even in our own favored county, are destitute of the word of God—yes even in Moundsville are families that have no copy of the blessed book. Now is the time to get a Bible. Not so much of our enlightenment and our privileges, and perhaps [?] of our liberality, allow our fellows to starve for the bread of life, when for the small sum of ten cents we could furnish them with a new testament, and for forty cents a copy of the Bible can be had. Surely [?] be held accountable for our negligence. Moundsville gives from \$50 to \$100 every year to send the Gospel to the far off heathen, which is all right in itself when right in our midst are many that are destitute of this Gospel. Truly we are not carrying out the old adage, "Charity begins at home." The Ladies Foreign Missionary Society is doing a great work here, but we think a Home Mission would do a greater work just now. Some of our good sisters labor zealously for the poor heathen while nearly next door to them is perhaps a family that never got a copy of the Holy Book. Is this consistent? We don't say one word against the labor for foreign missions, but we do think that [?] attention is due to our own destitute.

Dr. Alexander made some very pertinent remarks Sunday night. Among other things he urged the canvass of the county by school districts in order to insure that every destitute family be insured a copy of the Bible. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. H. C. Sandford; Vice President, J. P. Wayman; Secretary, R. H. Halliday, Esq.; Treasurer, Geo. W. Edwards, Esq. The Women's Foreign Missionary Society held a meeting during next Thursday at the M. E. Church. Meeting in morning at 9 o'clock and in the afternoon at 2 and 7 o'clock. The meeting in the evening will be addressed by Revs. Bailey and Thompson of Wheeling. Everybody is invited to attend.

Bishop Whittle officiated at the P. E. Church on last Thursday evening. His sermon was listened to with deep attention by a large audience. One young lady was confirmed, name not understood by the writer. The ceremony was very impressive.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

JUSTICE SCHULTZ.—A boy named Justice Ebenfeld was before Justice Schultz on Saturday evening last upon a charge of hitting the check of a comrade named Aug. Knoke. The boys had been quarreling, and Matthias had held Aug. Knoke's check with his teeth. He was held in the sum of \$100 to keep the peace for six months.

THE INHABITANTS OF OSHKOSH.—Fifteen children are down with the fever at the Oshkosh, and two more will likely go into the hospital to-day. Three of them are seriously sick, but all are doing well. Delicacies are needed for convalescing children, such as fruits, jellies, etc., and our well-to-do citizens should respond liberally from their well-stocked larders.

JOHN WRENTZLER ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.—On Saturday night last a baker named John Wrentzler, who lives on the corner of 5th and Main streets, attempted to hang himself with a clothes line. One end of the rope he fastened to a beam on the porch of his home, and putting the noose around his neck swung himself off. He was discovered and cut down in an unconscious condition, but recovered in a few moments.

MURDERER AT LARGE.—A dispatch was yesterday received by Capt. Davis, to this effect:

LEKTONIA, OHIO, May 3, 1875. To Marshal and Mayor of Wheeling, W. Va.: Arrest for murder Samuel Mead, with light blue shirt and pants, cap, frock-shaved mustache, a bit of thumb and finger, number 5 or 6 foot, weight 140, spare face, black hair and good looking. Left Middleton for river about a week ago. Two hundred dollars reward, dead or alive. JOHN CLAPMABLE.

JUSTICE CALDWELL.—James Heston was yesterday arrested upon complaint of Gabriel Blum, of the Oshkosh, who charged him with beating her on Saturday last. The defendant was sent to jail in default of giving bond in the sum of \$500 to be of good behavior for one year.

Upon the information of Gabriel Blum, Jacob Einsmeier was before this justice upon a charge of disturbing the peace. He was held in the sum of \$50 to keep the peace for six months. The offense consisted in Einsmeier forcibly entering Blum's home last night.

Gabriel Blum was then charged with disturbing the peace, and the examination of the case was postponed until 7 o'clock this evening.

LOCAL PERSONALS.—Mr. J. M. Erving was yesterday elected a County Commissioner from Union district, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Rolf.

Rev. Wilson, of Richmond, is stopping at the Belmont Hotel.

Col. J. H. Lockwood, of Moundsville, was at the Keim yesterday.

We are pleased to see Mr. W. H. Toney, of the Register on duty against his late illness.

Col. Bob Filkins, general agent of Haverty's machinery, arrived here yesterday as gray and jolly as usual. Bob never will grow old. His company will be here on Monday, 10th inst.

Capt. Hugh Harrison was yesterday elected Constable of Clay district by the Board of Commissioners.

A SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—Some days ago a son of Mr. Peter Wendel, who lives in this country, and for four or five years met with a very serious accident. The boy is about twelve or fourteen years of age, and in company with his sister was unloading a load of hay. When ready to descend from the wagon he threw his pitchfork down, and jumped to the ground. A large mass of pitchforks stuck in the ground, leaving the prongs pointed toward the wagon. The boy fell upon the pitchfork, and one of the prongs entered his right side and passed clear through his body, projecting from his left shoulder. For some time his recovery was considered doubtful, but for four or five days he has been able to get about. The boy is now recovering, but cannot venture forth of the statement, that the helpers at that mill would be given the finances to-day.

ETNAVILLE NEWS.—It has been some time since you have heard from our correspondent at Ettnaville, but the mills are in successful operation our town seems much livelier than before.

The mill is doing good work. There are between two and three hundred hands employed. There are nineteen furnaces at work, most of which are doing first class work. Coal is shipped from these works, sheet iron, bar iron, rails, &c.

The country around Ettnaville looks very bleak. The grass is just beginning to peep through the frosty ground. You have spoken of the great loss of fruit in different parts of the State. Indeed we have not been forgotten. "Old Jack" has been nipping the cherry and peach buds here so cruelly that we fear we will have a great scarcity of fruit. More than two-thirds of the grape crop have been destroyed.

In another communication I will give you some of the local topics of gossip. —ALEXIA.

THE COURTS.—Circuit Court—Judge Melvin. This court resumed its regular session yesterday morning. The morning session was occupied principally in calling the docket and office judgments, and resuming cases for trial on given days after the present adjournment.

The will of Elizabeth Marling was proved by the attesting witnesses and admitted to probate.

W. W. Arnett, late of St. Louis, was admitted to practice in this court.

James C. Forbes was admitted to bail to keep the peace.

Neal Early was admitted to citizenship.

The case of Fields vs. Evans, set for the afternoon, was continued, the papers having been mislaid.

A writ of error was awarded upon the petition of Isaac Cook to the order of the Circuit Court removing him from the guardianship of Larry J. McLean.

Demurrers were argued in the cases of Sarah Rits vs. August Ritter and Thomas Doyle vs. The Fire and Marine Insurance Company.

The jury were adjourned until Wednesday morning. Court adjourned until this morning at 9 o'clock, when motions and demurrers will be further considered.

For the same offense James Heston was fined \$50 and costs, John Wehan \$25 and costs, James McAndrews \$5 and costs, Henry King and Annie King \$5 and costs. In default of payment Heston was committed for thirty days, McAndrews twenty days, Henry King and Annie King ten days. The others paid their fines.

Carl Mund was fined \$3 and costs for drunkenness.

By Telegraph

ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT.

TO THE DAILY INTELLIGENCER

WASHINGTON.

COMMANDANT OF CADET.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Lieut. Col. Upson, commandant of cadets at West Point, has been relieved, and Lieut. Col. Thomas Neill has been ordered to that post. The change is made in accordance with the custom of the War Department to change the commanding officer there every four years.

INDIAN RATIONS.

The following report was received at the War Department to-day:

HEADQUARTERS, Fort Sill, I. T., April 18, 1875.

To the Assistant Adjutant General, Headquarters Department of Missouri:

SIR—Frequent complaints having been made by the Indians camped near this post that they are suffering from hunger, I have made an investigation and find the complaints well founded. The following is the ration allowed by the Indian Department: Beef, three pounds, (gross or net) one pound in fifteen; three-quarters of a pound of bacon is issued in lieu of beef. The ration is issued in the form of a hundred rations, four pounds of coffee, eight pounds of sugar, one pound of salt, one pound soap and half pound of tobacco. The ration was established when the Indians could partly support himself by hunting, with no other help it is barely enough to prevent hunger. It is not issued, however, there is at the agency no flour and not over one-third of the authorized amount has been issued during the present fiscal year. There is no sugar and not over two-thirds of the regular issue has been issued during the same time. The issue of the ration is not satisfactory, but it is so poor that growth is retarded, and it is so poor that growth is retarded, and it is so poor that growth is retarded.

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BEECHER TRIAL.

NEW YORK, May 3.—The plaintiff came into court with Mrs. Beecher. When the jury were called Mrs. Tilton rose, and addressing Judge Neilson said: "I have a communication which I would beg your honor to read aloud before the opening of the proceedings." The note was passed to Evans who handed it to the Judge, who after reading it said that this matter would be considered.

Mr. Morris then called the witness in rebuttal, Albert Burghaus, who made a picture of the Russell procession, and said that Tilton was in that party he did not see him. The witness pointed out Mrs. Woodhouse, Miss Glavin and Mr. Blood. Henry Otis Fox, on the Independent, testified he saw Tilton walking arm in arm with Mrs. Swinton and not with any woman. Witness saw Gen. Ryan in a carriage with a woman, he was afterwards told that she was Mrs. Woodhouse.

Witness testified he saw Tilton in the procession and Tilton was not with any of them.

L. S. Kane testified he saw all the women in the procession and Tilton was not with any of them.

Theo. H. Banks, grand marshal of the procession, testified he saw Tilton and Swinton together, Tilton was not in any carriage and that he himself drove off the ground in a carriage with Mrs. Woodhouse.

James W. Stillwell testified he saw Miss Claflin and Mrs. Woodhouse in the procession, near the head, Tilton was not in company with them.

Recent was here taken.

During the recess the question of the contents of Mrs. Tiltons letter was eagerly discussed. Judge Neilson refused to intimate what the letter contained. It should not be made public in any event until to-morrow morning, he said, and then only with the consent of the counsel.

It is understood that the letter refers to the subject of Mrs. Tiltons giving testimony, and quotes from a letter of Tilton to his wife, heretofore unpublished, and concludes with an expression of willingness to abide by the decision which the court, in its discretion, may enter as to her becoming a witness. It is reported that besides asking to be put on the witness stand Mrs. Tilton strongly asserts innocence and makes a warm protest against the injustice of excluding her testimony.

Henry came into court accompanied by Mrs. Annie Middlebrook and daughter Florence Tilton. The latter was in court during the morning session, but returned late, and did not take the stand.

Henry A. Bowen, a nephew of Henry C. Bowen, was seated with the plaintiffs counsel.

Henry C. MacManis was called and testified that he marched in the Communion procession from 14th street and Fifth avenue a few places behind Tilton, who was walking with John Swinton.

In answer to Evans the witness said he first thought of testifying when he read of the charge against Tilton in this court relative to the procession.

Albert Martin was called and testified that he was Superintendent of the Mission Sunday School of Dr. Storrs' church; he saw Beecher on the day that he went before the court, and that he remained at the house at about half-past two o'clock and was told that Beecher was in the back parlor with General Tracy; the witness went upstairs and saw Mrs. Tilton; about half an hour later they came down and sat on the piazza for two hours.

A lodge committee, he called at the house at about half-past two o'clock and was told that Beecher was in the back parlor during this time; he heard them talking, but did not understand what was said; Tracy left about 5 o'clock.

Mr. Evans asked what testimony this was intended to rebut and Morris said it was to rebut the evidence of Tracy and Beecher.

Mr. Morris read from the latter's testimony to the effect that Tracy called upon her only ten minutes before she went before the committee.

Mr. Shearman said that this was an unfounded and untrue statement, and that the testimony related to another interview.

Beach denied this and Shearman asked him to look at the record. Beach said that he did not need to look at the record, as he differed from the gentleman in having some memory and some intelligence.

Both of the counsel then read from the record, each asserting that it supported his position.

Mr. Morris was allowed to proceed with the witness, and the latter testified that he remained at the house of Mrs. Otis Fox, and that he remained there until about half-past two o'clock, when he saw Mrs. Tilton in the evening in order that she might testify before the committee; her testimony before the committee was the sole topic of conversation in Mrs. Otis Fox's house that evening.

Cross-examined by Mr. Shearman—The witness said that he was not at the house before that; I am lodging there now since January; I stayed at meals at Mrs. Otis Fox's occasionally, but never remember being there very late except on the occasion that Mrs. Tilton's statement was published; I sat in a chair on the piazza, and saw Mrs. Tilton, and I saw her first come in I saw Tracy in the parlor, and Mrs. Tilton called me up stairs, where we remained about half an hour; I did not look at the clock when I went into the house; I do not remember what month Mrs. Tilton appeared before the committee, but I remember the evening of the trial; Tracy left about an hour before the trial. The witness here left the stand.

Franklin Woodruff was recalled and testified: Prior to my interview with Tracy, at Montlon's, I had two other interviews with him, one in Montlon's presence.

Evans objected to these interviews being given, and an argument ensued over the point, but they were allowed in the evidence.

The witness continued: In that interview with Tracy I said that Tilton's charge against Beecher was that of adultery.

Mr. Beach asked the witness if he told Tracy that Beecher had advanced \$500 for the relief of Tilton's family.

Mr. Evans objected to this, and another argument ensued over the introduction of this evidence.

The witness finally said: I do not recollect that this occurred; I never remember hearing Tilton saying that Beecher was an adulterer, nor Tracy saying, "With your wife?" nor Tilton replying, "No, another woman," or "with other women."

Court adjourned.

Clear of Ice.

MONTREAL, May 3.—The river is clear of ice to Quebec. Ocean vessels are expected to arrive Wednesday.

DETROIT, May 3.—We have made careful inquiry throughout the State regarding the effect of Saturday night's frost on the wheat. The general opinion is that it suffered no injury, having been fully protected by several inches of snow, which fell on Saturday. With few exceptions our reports indicate the prospect of a much better crop than has been generally expected.

WISCONSIN.

MILWAUKEE, May 3.—Snow on Saturday night and cold weather Saturday night throughout the central and southern portions of the State. It did little or no damage to the crops. The ground was very dry generally and the snow melted very rapidly. Rain much needed.

IOWA.

BURLINGTON, May 3.—The ground froze Saturday night an inch and a half deep. The winter wheat in this county was killed during the winter. The spring wheat is not far enough advanced to receive injury.

DES MOINES, May 3.—The freeze Saturday night did no particular damage to the wheat in this region as the spring wheat is mostly raised.

ILLINOIS.

SPRINGFIELD, May 3.—The late frost has not damaged the wheat here. The rains have greatly improved the prospects for a fair crop.

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